Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I went there in my own car.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there other instances, including the acting Diwan?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—We sent reports to the D. S. P. to make free access to our cars and that any amount due will be paid later on.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Do the Government collect the tolls when British cars come within our State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—When the British car passes along Cochin territory do you collect any tax, for example, between Cheruviruthy and Shoranur?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They have to pay the tolls.

Officer for training—Diwan Peishkar's post.

222. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have selected the officer to be given the necessary survey training to be the permanent Diwan Peishkar when the post falls vacant;

(b) is there any truth in the rumour that Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar the Special Officer, is to be the next Diwan Peishkar permanent.

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) No.

(b) No answer is required in view of the reply to subdivision (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when the term of the present incumbent expires?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In Meenam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not due to the special term of the appointment, in other words, is it not because he has passed the age of 55?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is according to a special contract and he has passed the age of 55.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government any idea of giving the necessary training to the future Diwan Peishkar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All that I can say is, the question is engaging the attention of the Durbar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether they have any idea of giving the necessary survey training to any particular officer to be appointed as Diwan Peishkar.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That question is engaging the attention of the Durbar.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Since it is only just a month when the vacancy will fall, how is it that the Government have not decided about the person?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no special reason. They have not yet decided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any truth in the impression that is abroad that the present incumbent will be kept in office even after Meenam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot answer that. They have already answered the first part of the question.

Appointment—Diwan Peishkar's Post.

223. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Govenment be pleased to state whether they have decided or proposed to appoint Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the Special Officer, as Diwan Peishkar when the permanent Diwan Peishkar retires?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Please see answer to question No. 222.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The question is, whether they have decided or do they propose. The second part has not been answered. May I know whether they propose to appoint that gentleman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been answered that Government have not decided the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have the Government considered the names of persons to be appointed to that post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government are considering this question.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What are the qualifications that Government expect of a person to fill up the vacancy of the Diwan Peishkar's post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The qualifications must be, a high order of general knowledge and particularly a detailed knowledge of the Revenue Department and a fairly good working acquitances with survey principles. These three must be the main considerations.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there applications from any Government Officer for this post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There need not be applications from people in service.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there applicants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Is old age one of the considerations?

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